

SECURITY INFORMATION

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1. On the night of 23/24 October a covert C-47 from Athens made an emergency landing in Brindisi, Italy, after a resupply mission over Albania which was to include drops to a reported resistance leader near Shkoder and to an exfiltrating agent team. The Italian Service advised that the plane appeared to have been hit by 20mm fire and the right engine damaged. A member of the Athens air support staff has arrived in Rome to arrange for repairs to the plane and the security of the crew. A full report is expected as soon as the crew is fully debriefed. ( 6826, 1m 28988, dtd 24 Oct 53; [ ] 5228, IN 28981, dtd 24 Oct 53)

2. [ ] reports that a five-man agent team which was infiltrated into Albania on the night of 7/8 September exfiltrated into Greece in good order following two skirmishes with security forces. The team was attacked on 15 October and again on 20 October. During the fighting, one man was wounded and two became separated from the rest of the team, but by 21 October all had exfiltrated successfully. The team reports that a friend who had been trusted on previous missions informed the authorities of their presence. The number of persons involved in the ambushes, including police, security forces and a few civilians, was believed to be great. The team believes that, although many arrests may result from their encounters with the security forces, team successes will cause other nationalist elements to rally around them. ( [ ] 5232, IN 29000, dtd 24 Oct 53)

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